

Bottom Tier Status Current as of January 12, 2016	Alaska Airlines MVP	American Airlines Gold	Delta Air Lines Silver Medallion	United Airlines Premier Silver
Elite Qualifying Miles Required	25,000 (or 20,000 on Alaska only)	25,000	25,000	25,000
...or Segments	30	30	30	30
Elite Qualifying Dollars Required	N/A	N/A	\$3,000 [3]	\$3,000 [3]
<b>Privileges</b>				
Free Checked Bags	2 (50 lbs)	1 (50 lbs)	1 (70 lbs)	1 (70 lbs)
...for # of People	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8
Preferred Seating	Free at booking	Free at check-in	Discounted at check-in	Free at check-in
...for # of People	You + 8	You + 8	You + 1 [4]	You + 1
<b>Earning Miles</b>				
How Are Miles Earned?	Distance flown (500 minimum)	Fare paid (no max) [1]	Fare paid (75,000 max)	Fare paid (75,000 max)
...Bonus for Premium Fares	Up to 75%	N/A	N/A	N/A
...Bonus for Elite Status	50%	40% (7 total per dollar)	40% (7 total per dollar)	40% (7 total per dollar)
<b>Upgrades</b>				
Free Domestic Upgrades	Unlimited	500-mile vouchers [2]	Unlimited	Unlimited
Companion Domestic Upgrades	No	500-mile vouchers [2]	Unlimited	Unlimited
Confirmed Upgrades	No	No	No	No
Free Drink in Economy Class	No	No	No	No
<b>Fees</b>				
Agent Ticketing	\$15 - \$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
Same Day Confirmed Change	\$25	\$75	\$50	\$75
Same Day Standby	Free	Free	\$50	Free
Close-in Award Ticketing	Free	Free	Not permitted < 72 hours	\$50
Cancel Award	\$125	\$150	\$150	\$125
<b>General Information</b>				
Strengths (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> <li>• Partner w/ two U.S. airlines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade process improves availability (despite cost)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fuel surcharges on awards</li> <li>• Good award search tools</li> </ul>
Weaknesses (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited route network</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No published award chart</li> <li>• Benefits don't apply to E fares</li> </ul>	
Alliance	Partnerships with American, Delta, and other carriers	oneworld Alliance	SkyTeam	Star Alliance

**Footnotes:** [1] American Airlines will continue to operate a distance-based earning plan until mid-2016. [2] Four upgrades are earned after each 12,500 miles flown; more can be purchased for \$40 each. Upgrades for 500 miles or less are complimentary. [3] The EQD requirement can be waived with a co-branded credit card. [4] For travel before May 16, up to 8 companions receive complimentary access to Economy Comfort.

Middle Tier Status Current as of January 12, 2016	Alaska Airlines MVP Gold	American Airlines Platinum	Delta Air Lines Gold Medallion	Delta Air Lines Platinum Medallion	United Airlines Premier Gold	United Airlines Premier Platinum
Elite Qualifying Miles Required	50,000 (or 40,000 on Alaska only)	50,000	50,000	75,000	50,000	75,000
...or Segments	60	60	60	100	60	90
Elite Qualifying Dollars Required	N/A	N/A	\$6,000 [3]	\$9,000 [3]	\$6,000 [3]	\$9,000 [3]
<b>Privileges</b>						
Free Checked Bags	2 (50 lbs)	2 (50 lbs)	2 (70 lbs)	3 (70 lbs)	2 (70 lbs)	3 (70 lbs)
...for # of People	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8
Preferred Seating	Free at booking	Free at booking	Free 72 hours before departure	Free at booking	Free at booking	Free at booking
...for # of People	You + 8	You + 8	You + 1 [4]	You + 1 [4]	You + 1	You + 8
<b>Earning Miles</b>						
How Are Miles Earned?	Distance flown (500 minimum)	Fare paid (no max) [1]	Fare paid (75,000 max)	Fare paid (75,000 max)	Fare paid (75,000 max)	Fare paid (75,000 max)
...Bonus for Premium Fares	Up to 75%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
...Bonus for Elite Status	100%	60% (8 total per dollar)	60% (8 total per dollar)	80% (9 total per dollar)	60% (8 total per dollar)	80% (9 total per dollar)
<b>Upgrades</b>						
Free Domestic Upgrades	Unlimited	500-mile vouchers [2]	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Companion Domestic Upgrades	Unlimited	500-mile vouchers [2]	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Confirmed Upgrades	4 systemwide upgrades	No	No	4 regional upgrades	No	2 regional upgrades
Free Drink in Economy Class	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
<b>Fees</b>						
Agent Ticketing	Free	\$25	Free	Free	\$25	Free
Same Day Confirmed Change	Free	\$75	Free	Free	Free	Free
Same Day Standby	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Close-in Award Ticketing	Free	Free	Not permitted < 72 hours	Not permitted < 72 hours	\$25	Free
Cancel Award	Free (paid tickets, too!)	\$150	\$150	Free	\$100	Free
<b>General Information</b>						
Strengths (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> <li>• Partner w/ two U.S. airlines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade process improves availability (despite cost)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> <li>• Get 20,000 bonus miles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fuel surcharges on awards</li> <li>• Good award search tools</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fuel surcharges on awards</li> <li>• Good award search tools</li> </ul>
Weaknesses (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited route network</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No published award chart</li> <li>• Benefits don't apply to E fares</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No published award chart</li> <li>• Benefits don't apply to E fares</li> </ul>		
Alliance	Partnerships with American, Delta, and other carriers	oneworld Alliance	SkyTeam	SkyTeam	Star Alliance	Star Alliance

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Top Tier Status Current as of January 12, 2016	Alaska Airlines MVP Gold 75K	American Airlines Executive Platinum	Delta Air Lines Diamond Medallion	United Airlines Premier 1K
Elite Qualifying Miles Required	90,000 (or 75,000 on Alaska only)	100,000	125,000	100,000
...or Segments	90	120	140	120
Elite Qualifying Dollars Required	N/A	N/A	\$12,000 [3]	\$12,000
Privileges				
Free Checked Bags	2 (50 lbs)	3 (50 lbs)	3 (70 lbs)	3 (70 lbs)
...for # of People	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8	You + 8
Preferred Seating	Free at booking	Free at booking	Free at booking	Free at booking
...for # of People	You + 8	You +8	You + 1 [4]	You + 8
Earning Miles				
How Are Miles Earned?	Distance flown (500 minimum)	Fare paid (no max) [1]	Fare paid (75,000 max)	Fare paid (75,000 max)
...Bonus for Premium Fares	Up to 75%	N/A	N/A	N/A
...Bonus for Elite Status	125%	120% (11 total per dollar)	120% (11 total per dollar)	120% (11 total per dollar)
Upgrades				
Free Domestic Upgrades	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Companion Domestic Upgrades	Unlimited	500-mile vouchers [2]	Unlimited	Unlimited
Confirmed Upgrades	4 upgrades awarded to MVP Gold	4 systemwide upgrades [2]	Additional 8 regional or 4 global	Additional 2 regional and 6 global
Free Drink in Economy Class	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Fees				
Agent Ticketing	Free	Free	Free	Free
Same Day Confirmed Change	Free	Free	Free	Free
Same Day Standby	Free	Free	Free	Free
Close-in Award Ticketing	Free	Free	Not permitted < 72 hours	Free
Cancel Award	Free (paid tickets, too!)	Free	Free	Free
General Information				
Strengths (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> <li>• Partner w/ two U.S. airlines</li> <li>• Get 50,000 bonus miles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade process improves availability (despite cost)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good operational performance</li> <li>• Additional 25,000 bonus miles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No fuel surcharges on awards</li> <li>• Good award search tools</li> </ul>
Weaknesses (Scott's Opinion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited route network</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No published award chart</li> <li>• Benefits don't apply to E fares</li> </ul>	
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